

HAPPENINGS IN AND ABOUT TOWN

PARK ORDINANCE BEFORE COUNCIL

Ex-Park Superintendent Beyer Fiays Board at Committee Meeting.

WHAT THE COUNCIL DID.

At a special council session an ordinance providing for a bond issue of \$25,000 for the waterworks department was passed. Some of the more important bills that were passed upon favorably by the committee of the whole follow:

Building code ordinance.
Jitney bus ordinance.
Ordinance providing for the districting of the city for park purposes.
Forestry ordinance.
Ordinance granting a franchise to the St. Joseph Heating Co.
Other minor ordinances were also passed upon favorably by the committee.

Pres't Richard Elbel and other members and attaches of the park board were placed under fire at the meeting of the committee of the whole of the common council last night when Former Park Supt. Herman H. Beyer, who was dismissed when the present administration took office, attacked the park districting and forestry ordinances which were before the councilmen for approval. Denying that he was a "sorehead," as he said he has often been termed, and alleging that he was attempting to prevent a mistake which might eventually lead the city of South Bend into bankruptcy, Beyer flayed the park board and particularly Pres't Elbel without mercy, his remarks being interrupted by an order from Chairman Lang to discontinue his talk.

Beyer's contention was that the present park board was trying to palm off the districting ordinance for the express purpose of drawing more money from the taxpayers in order that extravagant schemes might be carried out and extensive improvements and purchases made. Results accomplished previous to the organization of the park board were compared to results during the existence of the board by Beyer. He claimed that the present park board has not accomplished as much with the money appropriated than as the city did with similar amounts in the six years previous. Some of Beyer's attacks were practically personal although no names were mentioned.

Says He Gave Warning.
"I remember when I warned a certain member of the present board several years ago that too much money was being spent," said Beyer. "This member declared that if we don't spend the money the fellows coming after us will, so we might as well do it."

Pres't Elbel was at the meeting and the only member of the board who held office to the time referred to by Beyer.

Beyer also attacked several clauses of the ordinance providing for the care of trees and shrubbery and the appointment of a city forester. The clause permitting the park officials to enter the property of any person and compelling them to spray trees and shrubbery infected with disease or insects, Beyer declared unjust. He stated that the park board had not even freed its own trees from disease. The reply to this was that it is impossible to keep the park trees healthy when neighboring trees and shrubbery are infected. Beyer's final attack was upon Park P. Perley, clerk of the park board, who fills the shoes formerly occupied by Beyer.

Takes Shot At Perley.

"There is one thing that I hope to, see if the forestry ordinance is passed," asserted Beyer, "and that is that the board has a better city forester than it has superintendent of parks."

As this bolt was shot at Perley, who sat directly across the room from Beyer, the present incumbent of the office formerly held by Beyer, smiled broadly, but refused to answer.

After the opening broadsides had been fired by Beyer, Pres't Elbel, W. W. Ridenour and Mayor Keller replied. Their replies resulted in a favorable vote upon both the districting and forestry ordinances.

Pres't Elbel half admitted the assertion that the purpose of the new ordinance was to increase revenue, but denied that the board could spend an unlimited amount of money. State law, he asserted, limits South Bend to an expenditure of \$50,000 a year for park purposes. Councilman Thompson insisted that the ordinance be held up for several weeks in order to give the people an opportunity to find out its value.

Asks for Action.

"I see no reason for postponement," declared Pres't Elbel. "This is the time we need things. If we waited until everyone was in favor of new legislation we would be on the same level with Lakeville and Lapaz. We cannot spend any sum we like and one-half the taxpayers in any district can prevent proposed improvements. We have got to take the initiative. We have a right to expect the passage of this ordinance and in after years it will reflect credit upon this council."

He explained that improvements will be distributed as evenly about the city as is possible. More money

will enable the city to purchase property it must eventually have, he asserted, and in connection with this mentioned Rum Village.

"Suppose the city wanted to buy Rum Village? We ought to buy it and it is a crime if we don't. If we wait for a long time the property will cost just that much more."

Mr. Ridenour was a bit indignant at the insinuations cast upon the board.

"If any work is expected of the park board we must have the cooperation of the council," he declared. "If you have no confidence in us you should ask the mayor to discharge the board. There are no new purchases of land being contemplated at any time in the near future. I have heard more about the Rum Village project tonight than at any time since I have been on the board."

Mayor Keller made a short talk approving the districting ordinance and declaring that no advancement is made without opposition.

"If this ordinance is passed and the park board attempts to abuse us, there will be some instant changes," he declared. "We are behind Fort Wayne in many of these things and it is time for us to get busy. I will be glad to sign the forestry and districting ordinances if they are passed by the council."

Councilmen Hazerty, Thompson and Seifert opposed the two ordinances for various reasons.

Beyer Ordered to Stop.

During Beyer's talk he was stopped by Chairman Lang upon the request of Councilman Miller, who said the speaker was deviating from the subject and intimating that he was indulging in valueless personalities. The contention of Councilman Miller was sustained and Beyer was ordered to cease. Councilman Hazerty objected to what he termed the "choking process," and Beyer was told to continue, but to stick to things directly touching upon the ordinance under consideration.

Previous to the committee of the whole meeting a short session of the council was conducted during which the building code and jitney bus ordinances were re-introduced and the ordinance providing for a \$25,000 bond issue for the water works department was passed. Both the jitney bus and building code ordinances were passed upon favorably by the committee, although a number of changes were made in the latter.

Favor Franchise Ordinance.

After considerable discussion the ordinance granting the St. Joseph Heating Co. a franchise for the use of certain streets and alleys was passed upon favorably. One of the principal points of discussion in connection with this was the necessity of such action. Immediately preceding the discussion of the contract with the heating company, Charles Cooney made a short talk upon the smoke nuisance and its connection with the ordinance before the committee. He quoted statistics showing the injurious effects upon the health of a community infected with smoke and declared the smoke from the Oliver hotel to be a detriment to the men, women and children of the city.

The principal purpose of the formation of the new heating company is to afford heat for the Oliver hotel and eliminate the private heating plant, the smoke from which has been the cause of much trouble during recent years. By securing heat from the company the Oliver hotel will be able to do away with its

power house and consequently rid the city of the smoke nuisance connected with it. Engineer Hartman of the Oliver hotel explained that it is impossible to change the power house and eliminate the smoke and the only solution is the steam heat which can be furnished by the new company.

Change Building Code.

The committee voted favorably upon the ordinance, the sentiment being that since the contract had been approved by the board of works, it could be supported by the council.

W. E. Bryan of the Kale & Bryan Poster Co., succeeded in having two changes made in the building code ordinance. The fee was reduced to \$1.00 on every 25 lineal feet or part thereof on sign boards and the clause providing that consent of property owners within three blocks must be secured before a sign board could be erected, was stricken out.

A number of small appropriation ordinances were voted upon favorably and the council consented to stand behind the municipal Christmas tree movement to the extent of \$100.

Municipal Xmas Tree Program Assumes Shape

Slowly but surely the program for the municipal Christmas tree celebration is being whipped into shape by the committee which met again Tuesday noon at the high school to arrange details of the musical and dramatic features.

The afternoon program which is to consist of three tableaux, the same to be repeated in the evening, and several choral numbers by the school children is practically completed and its success now depends largely upon the cooperation of the parents of the school children in seeing that all are on hand in time to do their part. The Christmas songs, "Joy to the World" and "Holly Night," are to be rehearsed in each of the schools and later at a mass meeting to be held at the high school sometime during the week preceding the Christmas vacation.

It is the earnest wish of those planning the Christmas tree festival that parents will encourage their children to take an active interest in this beautiful civic enterprise so that it may be made as impressive as possible by the size and volume of the children's chorus.

All the details of the evening program, particularly with reference to the musical features, are not settled. It is probable, however, that they will be ready for announcement after another meeting of the committee next Tuesday when the directors of many of the choirs of the city are to be asked to present and to assist in the definite arrangement of the program.

TO DELIVER ADDRESS.

Adelbert H. Roberts, a prominent attorney of Chicago, has been secured to deliver the principal address at the Booker T. Washington memorial services to be held at the high school auditorium at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

CLAIMS QUILHOT HURT BUSINESS

Frank LaPoint, Cigarmaker, Sues for \$15,000—Set for February.

John H. Quilhot, vice investigator, will either have to appear in the Elkhart county circuit court on the first Monday in February or lose by default a suit for \$15,000 that has been brought against him. The suit was brought by Frank LaPoint, a cigar manufacturer of this city, who claims that Quilhot damaged his business to that extent.

While Quilhot was doing the "sleuthing" among the druggists here last year, he first became acquainted with these dealers through the medium of LaPoint's cigars, says the complaint. He had been employed as a cigar salesman by LaPoint and secured easy access to the various stores without attracting suspicion through his position.

When Quilhot charged a number of druggists with violating the laws, LaPoint claims that his brand of cigars was put in disrepute. He says he has been damaged to the extent of \$15,000 by Quilhot.

Originally the suit was filed in the superior court here, but was venued to Elkhart county and came up there Tuesday. Attorneys for Quilhot, Welder, Parker & Pettengill, appeared before the court and filed affidavits that they knew nothing of the whereabouts of their client. Jellison & Jellison, attorneys for LaPoint, had the case set as the first jury case next term. It will be tried on the first Monday in February, before any of the criminal cases.

Political Gossip

St. Joseph county lawyers are commencing to take an active interest in the coming campaign, and especially in the primary race for prosecutor, which promises to be a heated affair so far as both parties are concerned.

Democratic candidates for prosecutor will no doubt be in the plural number with Dan Nye and Sam Schwartz, at present deputies under Chester Montgomery, seeking the nomination at the primaries Mar. 7. Some arrangement may be made between these two, but they are both in an aggressive as well as receptive mood, say their friends.

That the acid test will bring Al. Slick out as the republican candidate for prosecutor is the opinion of South Bend barristers of both clans. Slick is figured to be the only so-called aspirant for the office who could make a favorable showing in the election. Several republicans are being pushed forward, personally and by their friends, but the undercurrent seems for Slick; he has had experience running for the office.

Judge Joseph A. Shea of the Indiana appellate court is a candidate for appointment as United States minister to Chili, according to Indianapolis gossip. Judge Shea recently made a trip to Washington accompanied by Crawford Fairbanks, and with the announcement that the present minister to Chili would be moved to Mexico preceding his journey, a desire for the post was all but intimated.

Edward McGuff of Fort Wayne, a candidate for the republican nomination for county commissioner, had ample reason for hitting the war path the other day following a peculiar caprice of the advertising game.

"What's the idea?" queried a friend. "I see your cards on telephone poles up the street here saying you're a candidate and under every one of them is another card with the word 'Graft' in large letters."

"You're crazy," answered McGuff. "Look," said the friend.

McGuff went out and looked, and found the friend was right. He didn't know at first whether to get angry or take it as a joke. He examined the card labeled "Graft" and found the bill poster's mark. Investigation brought out this was merely the name of a moving picture play.

"Get those cards away," said McGuff to the billposter. "I don't want that word 'graft' any closer to my name than China."

Republicans of Lagrange county will hold a banquet at Lagrange the evening of Dec. 17. All candidates for places on the next republican state ticket have been invited to be present.

Preparedness, while considered as a favorable anti-plant for the republican national party seems to be much in favor in Indiana with the early opening of campaign headquarters in several sections of the state. Flourishing reports are being sent out by the managers concerning visits of delegates "from miles around," while the accredited interest is hard to find even in localities where the political pot has been boiling for weeks.

Owen county's republican committee will hold a meeting at Spen-

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REALTY MEN TO FORM AN EXCHANGE

Local Dealers to Perfect Organization at Meeting Friday.

Realty men will gather at the Oliver hotel Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock when final plans for the establishment of a South Bend real estate exchange will be made. This was decided upon Tuesday afternoon following a meeting of real estate men in the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

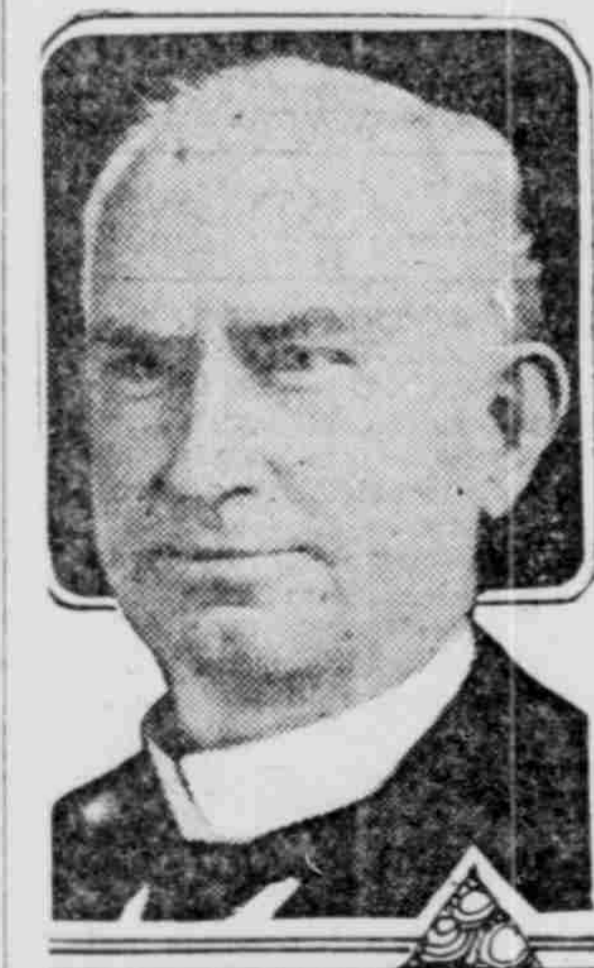
Officers for the new exchange will be elected at that time, a nominating committee having been chosen to report at the banquet. Scott R. Brewer, state executive treasurer, with which organization the local exchange will affiliate, will be the principal speaker at the banquet. The adoption of a constitution and bylaws was made at the meeting Tuesday at the Chamber of Commerce. William N. Bergan, Vernon C. Hastings and Horace G. Miller drafted the instrument.

Dr. Osler on Tuberculosis

Sir William Osler, Regius Professor of Medicine at Oxford, says in his "Practice of Medicine" (1892), on page 249: "The healing of pulmonary tuberculosis is shown clinically by the recovery of patients whose sputa elastic tissue and bacilli have been found. * In the granulation products and associated pneumonia a scar tissue is formed, while the smaller caseous areas become impregnated with lime salts. To such conditions alone should the term healing be applied."

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SEN. J. P. CLARKE

Sen. Clark was nominated president pro tem of the senate Friday over Sen. Pomerehne of Ohio, by the democratic caucus. A vote of 28 to 23 gave the Arkansas man the nomination after a heated argumentary battle.

Eddie Burns Wins Spanish Beauty



Eddie Burns, catcher for the Philadelphia Nationals, and his bride as they looked just after their marriage recently in San Francisco. The happy young woman's name before her marriage was Miss Virginia LaPorte. Her ancestor were Spanish noblemen, members of the family being prominent in California politics in the early days.

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